Washington State Department of
Early Learning

ECEAP Reminders and Links
May 1, 2010
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Due Dates

Submit April Monthly Report Form & Voucher . . . . May 15

Service Area Agreements . . . . May 30

Self-Assessment . . . . June 30

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Financial Disclosure Certification . . . . June 30

Staff Qualifications Updates, if requested . . . . June 30

EMS Monthly Report and final invoice (A-19) for June . . . . July 10

ECEAP Updates and Announcements

DEL ECEAP Directors Meeting Materials
The minutes, PowerPoint presentations and handouts from the April 15 and 16 ECEAP
Directors meeting are now posted at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap in the
Contractor Information section, under Directors' Meeting Materials.

ECEAP Contracts
Expect to receive your 2010-11 ECEAP Contract during May. If your agency has
changed its legal name with the IRS and the Washington Department of Revenue,
please notify heike.syben@del.wa.gov as soon as possible, so that we issue the
contract to the correct entity.

The ECEAP Performance Standards are Exhibit D of your contract and are also on the
ECEAP section of the DEL website. Please note that there are extensive changes to
Section B of the Standards for 2010. This is the section on recruitment, eligibility,
prioritization, enrollment and attendance. Please discard draft copies you received for
review purposes; the final version will be released by mid-May.

Legislative Changes to ECEAP

The Legislature completed its session in the early morning hours of April 13. The state budget has been sent to the Governor for review and signature. For the coming year:

- The budget reduces ECEAP by 29 slots statewide. DEL ECEAP staff are planning for this with our agency leadership and the ECEAP Steering Committee.
- Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, children with school district IEPs are eligible for ECEAP without impacting your over-income allowance. You still determine how to *prioritize* the eligible children in your service area. You may still blend children with ECEAP funding and separate special education funding in the same class, if you choose.
- The state will pilot a 12-month authorization period for child care subsidy for families with a child in ECEAP, Head Start or Early Head Start. Families must still report major changes. Check future editions of *ECEAP Reminders and Links* for a link to the proposed subsidy rules.

DECA Materials

DEL has ordered your e-DECA 2.0 license and per child uses for next school year. If you requested *For Now and Forever* parent guides, they will arrive by mail from Kaplan soon.

On April 22, Susan Damico from Devereux e-mailed the e-DECA administrator that you listed in your March DECA survey. Please check that the correct person in your agency received this e-mail and respond if you have questions or want to change your e-DECA administrator. Susan will send this person a new log on ID and password during the first week of July. She will also provide ongoing support for e-DECA 2.0. Contact her also if you want to order e-DECA for non-ECEAP children. She is at sdamico@devereux.org.

We are planning a webinar in the fall to orient DECA users to the new e-DECA 2.0. You can see a demo video now at https://www.e-deca2.org/. Once you have your password, you can log in and click "Help" to download the user manual and training videos.

2010-11 DEL ECEAP Calendar

The DEL calendar of next year's meetings, trainings and other events is coming soon. Contractors with a 2010-11 ECEAP program review have already been notified of the review dates. Continue visiting our website at www.del.wa.gov and reading the *ECEAP Reminders and Links* for up-to-date information.

ECEAP Site Locators

New ECEAP site maps have been posted on the ECEAP website publication page at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/default.aspx in the Contractor Information section. They are also accessible on the ECEAP parent page at www.del.wa.gov/care/find-hs-eceap/Default.aspx. There are separate maps for Eastern and Western Washington, and King, Pierce and Snohomish counties. Click on a map to find your sites, then select individual sites to see address and contact information. You can even see a satellite image of your site if you select "Satellite" view! For changes or corrections, contact Heike at heike.syben@del.wa.gov.

Service Area Agreements – Due May 30
Service area agreements with neighboring Head Start and ECEAP programs must be updated, signed, and sent to DEL by May 30. Agreements are required when service areas adjoin or overlap and there is potential for recruitment of the same families. The purpose of service area agreements is to ensure that agencies cooperate to fill all ECEAP and Head Start classrooms and serve the children most in need in each community. These agreements must include:

- A plan for cooperative assessment of community needs and strengths.
- Enrollment and service area boundaries for each contractor.
- A process of referral of families between agencies.
- Joint staff and parent training opportunities, if applicable.
- Commitment to communication and problem resolution.

Teacher Qualification Updates – Due June 30
DEL is updating our database of ECEAP lead teacher qualifications. Many directors received a packet of updated forms at the April Directors Meeting. The packets included forms to complete staff qualification information that DEL is missing or to describe progress for teachers who have professional development plans (PDPs). DEL reports lead teacher qualifications to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) and the Office of Financial Management. Thank you for helping us report accurate data.

New Financial Disclosure Certification – Due June 30
The new DEL ECEAP fiscal review process includes a financial certification disclosure form that you complete annually. It is a checklist of financial requirements from the ECEAP Contract, signed by your financial manager and director. Download the form at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/FinancialDisclosure.doc.

ECEAP Outcomes Reports – Due June 30
Use the survey tool at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z29BYDH to report your annual ECEAP outcomes by June 30.

- Before you begin, you can print a paper version to gather your data at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/ECEAPDataCollectionTools.doc.
- The electronic survey tool works best if you enter all of the data at one sitting.

ECEAP Self Assessment – Due June 30
Is your annual self assessment of compliance with ECEAP Performance Standards underway? Though it is not due until June 30, it takes several months to engage parents and staff in a thorough self assessment process. The 2010 ECEAP Self Assessment Form has been simplified, with some yes/no options. Download the form at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/SelfAssessment.doc.

Federal Poverty Guidelines
The federal poverty guidelines have not been amended for 2010. The 2009 guidelines remain in effect at least through May 31. For more information, go to http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml.

Naming for Our Future State Pre-Kindergarten Program
As we move forward with planning our future expanded state pre-kindergarten program, it is likely that it will have a new name. This will not happen right away, but we would like to be ready with suggestions. Therefore, we held a contest at the recent ECEAP Directors meeting and voted on our favorites. The top suggestions were Washington Early Learning, Pre-K Washington and Washington Early Learners. The winner of the funniest suggestion was DECAF (Development of Early Childhood and Families). There were unsolicited votes *against* Washington Head Start. There were 60 entries, which we will continue to glean for themes and creative wording. We will forward these to the work group on SB6759 and others who may be discussing names. Please remember that there is no immediate change. If you have additional ideas, please send them to joyce.kilmer@del.wa.gov.

Training Opportunities

Using Home Visits to Enhance Literacy Skills
May 5, 9-10 a.m.
Dial-in Number: 800-379-6841, Participant Code: 148376
This conference call is presented by Carla Peterson, Iowa State University, and sponsored by the Head Start Center for Inclusion.

Trainer and Educator Conference
May 17-19, Lake Chelan, WA
Download the brochure and registration form at:
www.educationaltrainingpartners.org/TEC/tec.html

Health Coordination Meetings
May 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The Coalition for Safety and Health in Early Learning (C-SHEL) and the ECEAP and Head Start Health and Nutrition Coordinators will both meet on this date at Puget Sound ESD in Renton, with options to connect remotely. C-SHEL is a statewide coalition of early learning staff focused on health and safety. The Head Start/ECEAP Health and Nutrition Coordinators are a statewide group that discuss issues particular to our programs. For more information, contact Suzanne Kohaya at skohaya@psesd.org or see www.cshelwa.org/TempHome.htm.

Summer Institute
June 28-30, Ellensburg, WA
This intensive training opportunity for teachers is sponsored by the Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP (WSA).

Facilitator Training with Jean Illsley Clarke
July 19-23, Olympia area, $750
This training is developed from Jean's books, *Who, Me Lead a Group?* and *How Much is Enough? Everything you need to know to steer clear of overindulgence and raise likeable, responsible and respectful children.* For more information, e-mail: nwfacilitators@gmail.com.

Starting Strong Institute
- August 5 & 6 – Yakima Convention Center www.esd105.org/educational-services/early-learning
- August 9 & 10 – Marriott Hotel SeaTac www.psesd.org/startingstrong

The agenda, used at both sites, focuses on four components necessary for preschool through third grade alignment: leadership, instructional practice, community collaboration and family partnerships.

DECA Training – SAVE THE DATES
DEL will sponsor free two-day DECA Implementation trainings this fall. Registration materials will be available in June.
- August – Snohomish County (dates to be determined soon)
- October 7 & 8 – Moses Lake
- October 18 & 19 – Olympia

Webcasts (archived to view at your convenience)
View archives of recent Webcasts:
- Dual Language Learners (Head Start)
http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/resources/cinema/Dual%20Language%20Learning%20Institute%20Webcast/DualLanguageLea.htm
- Fatherhood and Healthy Families Initiative (National Fatherhood Leaders Group)
www.nflgonline.org. See the link to the webinar, under the map.
- Inclusion (Head Start)
http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/2010_broadcast#may
- Preschool Math (Head Start)
http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/resources/cinema/OHS%20Math%20Webcasts%20and%20Lessions%202008

WORDS FOR TRYING TIMES

Nearly everyone who develops an idea works it up to the point where it looks impossible and then gets discouraged. That's not the place to become discouraged.
-Thomas Edison

Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles. It empties today of its strength.
- Corrie Ten Boom

Resource Links

2010 Census: Make sure young children are counted
http://earlyed.newamerica.net/blogposts/2010/counting_children_why_the_census_matters_so_much-30409

Gardening with Children This article includes planning a garden, making compost, planting, indoor gardening and other fun activities. www.nfsmi.org/documentlibraryfiles/PDF/20100401102951.pdf

Importance of Play in Kindergarten
http://earlychildhoodcolorado.org/inc/uploads/Crisis_in_Kindergarten.pdf

Learning to Play David Elkind comments on "recess coaches" and children without play and social skills. www.nytimes.com/2010/03/27/opinion/27elkind.html

Project Approach
www.herald-review.com/news/local/article_bfee4ebb-2d7d-5ec3-8e34-5f3520406260.html

Getting School Ready Download or order booklets for parents on preparing for kindergarten at www.gettingschoolready.org. These are available in nine languages.

Language Barriers to Medical Care A recent UC-Berkeley study found that many non-native English speakers have difficulty communicating with their health care providers, which can diminish health care efficiency and quality. Listen to the audio report at http://www.californiahealthline.org/special-reports/2009/nonnative-english-speakers-face-numerous-linguistic-cultural-barriers-to-medical-care.aspx

Family Health Hotline Call 1.800.322.2588, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, for help connecting to a broad scope of health and food resources in Washington State. There are bilingual Spanish-speaking staff, plus Interpreter Line service for other languages. Hotline staff screen callers for eligibility, explain how programs work and can assist them in applying for Apple Health for Kids, First Steps Pregnancy Medical, Family Medical, Take Charge family planning coverage, WIC and Basic Food/Food Stamps. Callers are also connected with services in their local communities including: low-cost medical clinics, immunizations, prescription assistance, WIC Clinics, food banks, child care, resources for children with specials needs and more.

New DSHS Services Card DSHS is issuing permanent Service Cards instead of paper medical coupons. Learn about the new card at http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/providerone/Clients/ServicesCardTalkingPoints.doc. See the fact sheet for clients at http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/providerone/Clients/ServicesCardMailing.pdf. Services Card posters can be ordered at http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/ProviderOne/Clients.htm.

Prescription Assistance Washington state offers two programs to help residents with the cost of medications. www.rx.wa.gov

Online Safety This downloadable new booklet helps parents guide their children about using the internet. www.onguardonline.gov/pdf/tec04.pdf . It is available in Spanish at www.alertaenlinea.gov/pdf/stec04.pdf. Bulk print copies may be ordered at bulkorder.ftc.gov/.

Car Safety Seats Order the recently updated pamphlet for parents on seat selection and use at https://www.nfaap.org/netFORUM/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?webcode=aapbks_productdetail&key=15a0 eaf5-b323-4112-8081-e9362a1033a1. See more car safety resources from the American Association of Pediatrics at www.aap.org/healthtopics/carseatsafety.cfm.

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia. - Charles Schultz